

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Street. Those members present were Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley. Also present were Mr. Foster Arnett, Knox County Clerk, Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, Mr. Chris Caldwell, Knox County Finance Director, Mr. Richard Armstrong, Knox County Law Director, Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Chief Deputy Law Director, and members of the news media.

Mr. Foster Arnett, Knox County Clerk, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

* * * * *

IN RE: ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Kim Ellis, Minutes Clerk to the Knox County Clerk, called the roll.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION WITH THE ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

Consideration of the Re-organization of the Knox County Commission with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair was before Board of Commissioners.

Upon roll call for nominations for Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioner Gill passed. Commissioner Carringer passed. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Nystrom passed. Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Bob Thomas. Commissioner Anders nominated Commissioner Dave Wright. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Wright passed. Commissioner Dailey passed. Commissioner Thomas passed. Commissioner Brantley passed. Commissioner Thomas withdrew his name for nomination.

Commissioner Thomas moved that Commissioner Wright be elected Chair of the Knox County Commission by acclamation. Commissioner Anders seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Commissioner Dave Wright was elected Chair of the Knox County Commission.

At this time, Mr. Arnett, Knox County Clerk, stepped down from the Chair, and Commissioner Wright, Chairman, presided.

* * * * *

Upon roll call for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioner Gill passed. Commissioner Carringer passed. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Nystrom nominated Commissioner Randy Smith. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed. Commissioner Anders passed. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Wright passed. Commissioner Dailey nominated Commissioner Bob Thomas. Commissioner Thomas passed. Commissioner Brantley passed.

Commissioner Anders moved that the nominations cease.

Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

At this time, Commissioner Thomas withdrew his name for nomination for Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission and moved that Commissioner Smith be elected Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission by acclamation. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Commissioner Randy Smith was elected Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION. (STANDING COMMITTEES NOT COMPOSED OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDE THE RULES COMMITTEE, COURT SUBCOMMITTEE, AND INSOLVENCY BOARD) – R-16-9-101-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox County Commission was before the Board of Commissioners. (Standing Committees not composed of the entire membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Court Subcommittee, and Insolvency Board).

The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Rules Committee: Commissioners Carringer, Smith, Anders, Busler and Dailey.

Commissioner Anders moved that the nominations cease and recommend Commissioners Carringer, Smith, Anders, Busler and Dailey be

appointed to the Rules Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Schoonmaker seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Court Subcommittee: Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Nystrom, Anders and Busler.

Commissioner Schoonmaker moved that the nominations cease and recommend Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Nystrom, Anders and Busler be appointed to the Court Subcommittee by acclamation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Insolvency Board: Commissioners Gill, Smith, Schoonmaker and Dailey.

Commissioner Anders moved that the nominations cease and recommend Commissioners Gill, Smith, Schoonmaker and Dailey be appointed to the Insolvency Board by acclamation. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Commissioner Anders moved to approve Resolution R-16-9-101-SS – Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox County Commission (Standing Committees not composed of the entire membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Court Subcommittee, and Insolvency Board). Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

A brief recess was taken at this time and the following committees convened and elected its Chair and Vice-Chair as follows:

Cable TV Committee: Commissioner Thomas - Chair; Commissioner Brantley - Vice-Chair.

* * * * *

Court Subcommittee: Commissioner Anders - Chair; Commissioner Busler - Vice-Chair.

* * * * *

Finance Committee: Commissioner Smith - Chair; Commissioner Brantley - Vice-Chair.

* * * * *

Insolvency Board: Commissioner Gill - Chair; Commissioner Dailey - Vice-Chair.

* * * * *

Rules Committee: Commissioner Busler - Chair; Commissioner Carringer - Vice-Chair.

* * * * *

The Board of Commissioner's meeting reconvened at this time.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS TO THE KNOX COUNTY RETIREMENT AND PENSION BOARD – R-16-9-102-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing two (2) Commissioners to the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Anders nominated Commissioner Nystrom. Commissioner Brantley nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker.

Commissioner Thomas moved that the nominations cease and Commissioners Nystrom and Schoonmaker be appointed to the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board by acclamation. Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-102-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners Hugh Nystrom and John Schoonmaker to the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE ARENA USE COMMITTEE – R-16-9-103-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a Commissioner to serve on the Arena Use Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thomas nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker.

Commissioner Anders moved that the nominations cease and Commissioner Schoonmaker be appointed to the Arena Use Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Carringer seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-103-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner John Schoonmaker to serve on the Arena Use Committee, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE KNOX COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE – R-16-9-104-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a Commissioner to the Knox County Audit Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Anders nominated Commissioner Carringer.

Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Busler. Commissioner Dailey nominated Commissioner Nystrom. Commissioner Carringer withdrew her name for nomination. Commissioner Busler withdrew his name for nomination.

Commissioner Busler moved that the nominations cease and Commissioner Nystrom be appointed to the Audit Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Anders seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-104-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Hugh Nystrom to the Knox County Audit Committee, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF KNOX COUNTY ALONG WITH THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION – R-16-9-105-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing a Commissioner to serve on the Board of Directors of The Development Corporation of Knox County along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brantley nominated Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Nystrom nominated Commissioner Anders.

Upon roll call vote for appointment/reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Knox County, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Schoonmaker, Busler, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted for Commissioner Thomas. Commissioners Smith, Nystrom, Anders and Wright voted for Commissioner Anders. Commissioner Thomas received 7 votes. Commissioner Anders received 4 votes.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-105-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Bob Thomas to serve on the Board of Directors of The Development Corporation of Knox County along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS COMMITTEE – R-16-9-106-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a Commissioner to the Employee Insurance Benefits Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Carringer.

Commissioner Thomas moved that the nominations cease and Commissioner Carringer be appointed to the Employee Insurance Benefits by acclamation. Commissioner Anders seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-106-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Michele

Carringer to the Employee Insurance Benefits Committee, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AS A NON-VOTING LIAISON TO THE KNOX COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE – R-16-9-107-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a Commissioner to serve as a non-voting liaison to the Knox County Ethics Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Anders nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Dailey. Commissioner Dailey withdrew this name for nomination. Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Busler. Commissioner Busler withdrew his name for nomination.

Commissioner Anders moved that the nominations cease and Commissioner Schoonmaker be appointed to the Ethics Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-107-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner John Schoonmaker to serve as a non-voting liaison to the Knox County Ethics Committee, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017 AND APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON SAID COMMITTEE – R-16-9-108-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission's continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through August 31, 2017 and appointing/reappointing four (4) Commissioners to serve on said committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brantley nominated Commissioner Gill.

Commissioner Anders nominated Commissioners Carringer and Busler.
Commissioner Busler nominated Commissioner Anders.

Commissioner Thomas moved that the nominations cease and Commissioners Gill and Carringer be appointed; and Commissioners Anders and Busler be reappointed to the Joint Education Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-108-SS – Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission’s continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through August 31, 2017 and appointing Commissioners Evelyn Gill and Michele Carringer; and reappointing Commissioners Brad Anders and Charles Busler to serve on said committee, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONFIRMING THE KNOX COUNTY MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER BRAD ANDERS TO THE KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION – R-16-9-109-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor’s reappointment of Commissioner Brad Anders to the Knox County Public Records Commission was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Resolution R-16-9-109-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor’s reappointment of Commissioner Brad Anders to the Knox County Public Records Commission. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KNOX COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY – R-16-9-110-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a Commissioner to the Board of Directors of the Knox County Railroad Authority was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Busler. Commissioner Carringer nominated Commissioner Gill.

Upon roll call vote for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Knox County Railroad Authority, Commissioners Gill and Carringer voted for Commissioner Gill. Commissioners Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted for Commissioner Busler. Commissioner Gill received 2 votes. Commissioner Busler received 9 votes.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution R-16-9-110-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Charles Busler to the Board of Directors of the Knox County Railroad Authority, Commissioners Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom, Schoonmaker, Anders, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley voted aye. The vote carried 11-0-0-0.

* * * * *

IN RE: SPREAD OF RECORD THE BOND OF JOHN R. WHITEHEAD, KNOX COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSOR, AND THE BONDS OF HOWARD G. HOGAN, CLERK AND MASTER OF THE KNOX COUNTY CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT. THROUGH THIS SPREAD OF RECORD THE BONDS ARE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:

Spread of Record the bond of John R. Whitehead, Knox County Property Assessor, and the bonds of Howard G. Hogan, Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery and Probate Court was before the Board of Commissioners. Through this Spread of Record the bonds are accepted and approved.

No action was taken.

* * * * *

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Wright declared the meeting adjourned.

* * * * *

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVE WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN